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For more information:
Chamber of Commerce,
Box 552, Rockland, ME 04841
(207) 596-0376

JULY

MAINE LOBSTER FESTIVAL

ROCKLAND, MAINE

Of course lobster is the main event. But you can also enjoy the Famous Maine Lobster Festival Parade through downtown Rockland, cheer for your favorite Maine Sea Goddess contestant, and check out the Maine fisheries exhibits. Or just soak in the beauty of the Maine coast.

For more information:
Festival of the Arts and Pageant of the Masters,
650 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach, CA 92651
(714) 494-1145

AUGUST

PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

For seven nights each week, from July 10-August 30, great works of art quite literally come alive, in this, the centerpiece of the Laguna Beach Festival of the Arts. As an orchestra plays, a series of famous paintings are faithfully reproduced in giant size on stage, complete with exactingly wardrobed models who must remain perfectly still. The Pageant will celebrate its 59th year in 1992, keeping alive the tradition of tableaux vivant (living paintings) that began in 17th-century France.

For more information:
Republic of Texas Chilympiad,
P.O. Box 188, San Marcos, TX 78666
(512) 396-5400

SEPTEMBER

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS CHILYMPIAD

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

It shouldn't come as a surprise that this is the world's largest chili cook-off. Come the third weekend of September, follow the aroma to San Marcos, midway between Austin and San Antonio. And enjoy chili so good it will bring tears to your eyes.

For more information:
National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling,
P.O. Box 309, Jonesborough, TN 37659
1-800-525-4514

OCTOBER

NATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

JONESBOROUGH, TENNESSEE

Pull up a chair and listen real close. To ghost stories, Irish stories, mountain tales, Native American tales, and tales of the sea. The stories may change each year, but not the joy of the audiences. This storybook event is held on the first weekend in October in Tennessee's oldest city.

For more information:
Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce,
P.O. Box 932, Stuttgart, AR 72160
(501) 673-1602

NOVEMBER

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP DUCK-CALLING CONTEST

STUTTGART, ARKANSAS

For more than 50 years, the world's best duck callers have called Stuttgart home during Thanksgiving week, when duck hunting season usually begins. The contest is now part of the Wings Over the Prairie Festival, which also features a Duck Gumbo Cook-off, an arts and craft fair, and a champion sharpshooter demonstration.

For more information:
First Night Annapolis
126 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401
(301) 268-8553

DECEMBER

FIRST NIGHT ANNAPOLIS

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

All of historic Annapolis becomes a stage for this New Year's Eve celebration of the Lively Arts. More than 350 performances—music everywhere, original plays, ice dancing, opera in the State House, street theater, even a tuba band, and much more—will be held at 35 sites in a waterfront town little changed from the 18th and 19th centuries. At midnight, city bells, an army of bag pipers, and a shower of fireworks over the harbor light the way into the New Year.

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